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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJECT: ICAO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON REVISION OF
HAGUE PROTOCOL TO THE WARSAW CONVENTION,
MONTREAL, SEPT. 1975

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY ASSISTANT TRANSPORT ADVISOR HALFF
INFORMED US AUGUST 15 THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WISH
TO COSPONSOR US PROPOSAL FOR NEW INSTRUMENT REDUCING THE
NUMBER OF PROTOCOLS TO WARSAW CONVENTION.

2. HALFF SAID GON THINKS IT UNNECESSARY TO AMEND GUATEMALA
PROTOCOL AND MIGHT EVEN BE DANGEROUS. NOT EVERYONE WAS
HAPPY WITH GUATEMALA WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY CONCLUDED;
AMENDING ITS CARGO PROVISIONS MIGHT THEREFORE BRING
UP MANY OTHER ISSUES, SOME OF THEM CONTENTIOUS.

3. ANOTHER POINT HALFF MADE WAS THAT, EVEN IF A NEW INSTRU-
MENT WERE ADOPTED AT MONTREAL, NOTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE
TO SUPERSEDE THE OLD ONES. GON BELIEVES IT WOULD BE
BETTER JUST TO HAVE HAGUE AND GUATEMALA PROTOCOLS WITH ADDI-
TION OF SOME NEW PROVISIONS.

4. IN SHORT, GON DOES NOT THINK US PROPOSAL WOULD SIMPLIFY
MATTERS, ONLY CONFUSE THEM.

5. COMMENT: HALFF PROVIDED THIS RESPONSE BY AUGUST 15
AT OUR REQUEST ALTHOUGH HE SAID IT IS NOT YET OFFICIAL.
SINCE ONLY ONE OTHER GOVERNMENT MINISTRY HAS TO BE HEARD
FROM, AND THAT ONE IS JUST TANGENTIALLY INTERESTED, HE SAID
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WE COULD REGARD REPLY AS ALMOST DEFINITE.

6. DESPITE NEGATIVE ANSWER, HALFF ASKED TO BE KEPT INFORMED
OF US PLANS.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE ARE PREPARED TO TRY TO PERSUADE
GON TO CHANGE ITS DECISION IF DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE US
COUNTERS TO DUTCH ARGUMENTS AGAINST OUR PROPOSAL.
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